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Foreign Minister last evening after Junta meeting told press that Peru would act in accordance with resolutions adopted unanimously by sister countries respect sending Peruvian troops or other action of Peruvian armed forces in problem arising because of Cuba. This statement appearing as verbatim quote in LA CRONICA has been variously interpreted by other news papers but in essence appears transparent means avoiding committing Peruvian armed forces to action.

Text for office communique follows:

"New revelations made yesterday by President of US and confirmed in personal letter to President Junta concerning grave threat which installation of Soviet strategic atomic arms of offensive character in Cuba poses for continental security, the Government, consistent with Peru's position as western democratic nation, conscious of necessity for hemispheric solidarity and of its international obligations, has taken following measures:

1) Has instructed Peruvian Representative OAS, Juan Batista de La Valle, vote in support of immediate convocation of meeting of consultation requested by USG accordance Rio Pact, and conversion of COAS in provisional Organ of Consultation;

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2) Instructed same representative vote with other American countries in provisional Organ of Consultation favor a resolution which eliminates threat which Soviet penetration in Cuba represents for continental security;

3) Similarly instructed Peruvian delegate Victor Andres Belaunde to act in same way in UN.

Government is taking necessary political and military measures guarantee territorial integrity and general security of country."

Minor rock-throwing incident at Chancery last night and small bomb explosion residence garden this morning now being investigated.

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